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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT: According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 29th/August, through Sunday, 5th/September there were 209 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3B9, 3D2, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4S, 4U1I, 4X, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5U, 5V, 5X, 6Y, 7P, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 8Q, 8R, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9N, 9U, 9V, A2, A3, A4, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C3, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, DL, DU, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, EZ, F, FG, FK, FM, FO, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HV, HZ, I, IS, J3, J6, J8, JA, JD/o, JT, JW, JX, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH6, KH8, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PZ, S2, S5, S9, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV5, SV9, T5, T7, T9, TA, TF, TG, TI, TJ, TK, TT, TU, TY, TZ, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V4, V5, V7, V8, VE, VK, VK9N, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XU, XW, XX9, XZ, YA, YB, YI, YJ, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZD7, ZF, ZK1/s, ZL, ZP, ZS

* PLEASE NOTE: The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

135TH HPM BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY (REMINDER!). You have just under a week to go for this celebration. Some stations believe this is a contest and are confused what the /135 is. No, it is not a contest. Many stations are on the air to help celebrate the 135th birthday anniversary of the League's co-founder and first president Hiram Percy Maxim, W1AW, who was born September 2, 1869. Look for ARRL Life members and League's elected and appointed volunteers and officials to append /135 to their callsigns. The HPM/135 celebration concludes at 2400z on Sunday, September 12th. To find out if you are eligible to sign /135, please see September's QST (page 40) or visit the following Web page for details at: <http://www.arrl.org/qst/2004/09/field-positions-135.html> A certificate is available by working at least 25 HPM/135 stations and submitting a log extract including date, time, band, callsign worked and exchange for each /135 contact. This certificate is endorsable in increments of 25

contacts up to a maximum of 100. Details are also available on the above mentioned Web site and QST.

3Y, PETER I ISLAND (Update). A multi-national team of 21 operators is now complete for the **2005 January/February 3Y0X DXpedition**. The operators are: F2JD, HB9AHL, HB9BHW, K0IR, K4UEE, K3NA, K4SV, K5AB, K9SG, LA6VM, N2WB, N4GRN, N6OX, NK7C, NP4IW, OH2BH, OH2PM, PA5M, UA3AB, VK4GL and W0RUN. Alternates are in place for any unexpected cancellations. They plan to operate for two full weeks with nine stations on the air 24 hours a day. Most members of the team will meet in Atlanta, GA, between September 23-26th. This is a serious meeting to discuss details of the operation which include practice shelter set-up, equipment checks and seminars (such as safety, search and rescue, emergencies and medical care, logging, propagation, equipment operation, dietary and food, environmental concerns, and operating Techniques). The voyage to Peter I Island will start from Punta Arenas on January 14th. The voyage to Peter I Island will take 6 to 7 days. The exact landing date will depend on weather. The team is still looking for contributions. If you would like to donate, please send them to K4UEE, F2JD, JA1ELY and ZL2AL. More details are available on the 3Y0X Web page at: <http://www.peterone.com>. They have recently setup a souvenir store to help collect funds for their operation. So vist and purchase a souvenir from the DXpedition at the "Peter I Store" at: <http://www.cafepress.com/peterIstore/>.

7Q, MALAWI (Update). Ely, IN3VZE, reported last week he will be active as **7Q7CE** from **September 9-23rd**. He informs OPDX this week that his friend Renato, IN3BHR, will be with him at the Resort Club Makokola, the southwest shore of Lake Malawi. The callsign Renato received is **7Q7RB**. Activity will be on all bands 160-10 meters SSB. QSL 7Q7RB via his home callsign IN3BHR, direct or via the Italian Bureau. QSL 7Q7CE via his home callsign IN3VZE, direct or via the Italian Bureau.

9A, CROATIA. Zrinko (Zik), DL/VE3ZIK (also 4N1DX), will once again be active from Croatia between **September 12-19th**. This will be a holiday style operation from the QTH **Bilice**, near Sibenik (JN73WS). He will try to concentrate on WARC bands and 10m FM. If somebody wants to make a sked, send an E-mail to: zik@contesting.info Also, there is some possibility to be active from some Croatian Islands. For those who already sent QSL card direct for his July activities, please wait until QSL cards come from printer. QSL ONLY via DL3PS, direct or by the DL Bureau (too difficult to receive bureau cards from VE3-land since he is now permanent in Germany).

C9, MOZAMBIQUE. Andre, ZS6WPX, informs OPDX that he will be in Mozambique from **October 28th to November 1st** on business, so his activity will be limited. He will be active as **C91Z** mostly on SSB, but also some CW and RTTY. Also, his XYL, Magda, will be active as **C91Y**. She will be active mostly on phone when time permits. Andrea will also been a Single-Op/ High-Power entry in the **CQ WW DX SSB Contest (October 30-31st)**. QSL via ZS6WPX DIRECT ONLY. ADDED NOTE: Andrea states that for the **CQ WW CW Contest**, look for Chuck/W4GMY and Joe/AA4NN to be in **C9**.

DXCC NEWS (Annual Deadline Comes To An End!). Bill Moore, NC1L, ARRL DXCC Manager, informs OPDX of the following: "DXCC Annual List Deadline Change: Beginning in September 2004, there will be no deadline for the DXCC Annual List. We have been working toward this end for several years.

In previous years, September 30 was the cutoff point for compiling the entity totals for the DXCC Annual List published in the DXCC Yearbook. Over the years, DXCC participants tended to collect cards and submit them once a year, in September, to ensure the highest possible total for the listing. A major downside of the deadline is that we receive over 25% of our annual credit submissions during the month of the deadline. This in turn creates a huge increase in workload and a lengthy processing time.

Going forward, the lists of DXCC standings previously published in the DXCC Yearbook will be replaced by complete lists on the ARRL Web site. The new Web-based lists should be ready and on-line early in the first quarter of 2005, when the listings in the DXCC Yearbook would normally have been published. After initial publication, the new lists published on the Web will be updated regularly, perhaps weekly or even daily. They will also include the standings of all DXCC members, not just those who made a submission in the previous year (as has been the practice with the printed Yearbook due to space limitations).

A smaller version of the Yearbook will be published containing highlights of the standings, along with other features, as in the past."

EA6, BALEARIC ISLANDS. Christian, DL6KAC, will be going to EA6 again starting **September 6th through probably September 28th**. Activity will be from Mallorca Island (IOTA: EU-004, DIE: E-021) and will be on 40-10 meters, mainly on SSB, and maybe some digimode. Antennas will be dipoles with 350 watts of power. This will be a holiday style operation! QSL via the DARC Bureau or direct (QRZ.com).

GM, SCOTLAND. Andre, GM3VLB, will be active from **Skye (EU-008)** and possibly several other islands in the **Inner Hebrides** during the **next week and a half**. Depending on the weather, look for him to activate the following 8 islands: **S. Rona** (DI27), **Scalpay** (CN18), **Longay** (CN19), **Staffin** (DI28), **Flodigaray** (DI29), **Wiay** (CN21), **Soay** (CN16) and **Crowlin** (CN20). QSL direct only via his home callsign. ADDED NOTE: Andre plans to activate the **Isle of May** (IOTA EU-123, SCOTIA CS01) as soon as he can after his return from EU-008.

IOTA NEWS.....

- **AS-004.** Operator JO1DPQ will activate **Miyake Island** during **September 11-15th**. Natives of this island left and fled to the main island due to an eruption of a volcano 4 years ago. QSL via his home call, direct or via the JARL bureau.
- **AS-108.** A short story and photos on the recent **Ramkin Island** operation can be found on the following Web page at: <http://www3.ocn.ne.jp/~iota/newpage85.htm>.
- **AS-117.** Kenji, JA4GXS, will be active as **JA4GXS/4** from the **Otsu Island** (JIA-AS-117-110), **September 19th** (0800z) to **September 20th** (2300z). Activity will be 80/40/30/20/15 meters CW/SSB. QSL via the bureau or direct to: Kenji Sasaki, 2-15 Ishikannon-cho, Yamaguchi, 753-0038 Japan.
- **AS-118.** Members from the Kuwait Amateur Radio Society plan to be active as **9K2F** from **Failaka Island** for a **3 to 4 day** operation at the **end of September**.
- **EU-010 EU-011.** Operators G3ZAY, M0BLF, M0TDG, M0NKI and M3OXY to be active **September 6-10th**, from the **Outer Hebrides (EU-110)**. There will also be a number of brief Summits on the Air (SOTA) activations in **Harris** and **North/South Uist**. QSL via their home callsigns. Weather permitting, they also plan to operate during the daylight hours only as **GM6UW/p** from the **Monach Islands (EU-111)** on either the

6th or 7th. QSL GM6UW/p via M0BLF (Bureau cards can be requested by E-mail to: M0BLF@domsmith.co.uk).

- **EU-146.** Members of the Scottish HAM Portal, Will/PE1OPM and his friend Jeroen (SWL NL12339), are going to activate Dutch **Schouwen Duiveland Island**. They will be on the air Saturday, **October 16th**, to Sunday, **October 17th**. The operation's frequencies are the known IOTA frequencies on the HF bands: 80m (3750 kHz), 40m (7055 kHz), 20m (14260 kHz), 17m (18128 kHz) and 15m (21260 kHz) when conditions permit. They will take a Yaesu transceiver FT-897 and a couple of portable antennas. For more information, please check out their Web site at: <http://home.zonnet.nl/eu-146/>. QTH Location: Co-ordinates 51'42'59N - 03'56'32E; QRA Loc. JO11XQ. Please send your QSL cards via PA QSL Bureau or to PE1OPM: Will Bakker, Molenstraat 33, 4641BA, Ossendrecht, The Netherlands.
- **OC-171.** Paul, G0WRE, will be active from **Magnetic Island** in the Queensland State (North Coast) South Group and possibly another island which they will know upon arrival for the IOTA Program in the Queensland State (South Coast) North Group. The dates are not sure as of yet, but it will be between **October 14-20th**. Paul states that his callsign will be allocated to him upon his arrival in Australia. Activity will be mostly 20 and 15 meters SSB (14260 / 21260 kHz +/-). Anyone wishing a contact for a new one for OC-171 can E-mail Paul prior to activating Magnetic Island at: g0wre@blueyonder.co.uk. He states that all contacts will be automatically sent via the RSGB Bureau (He does not require your card!). But he will accept direct requests via his QRZ.COM address.
- **SA-056.** Look for Tono, EA9CP, to activate the **Isla Cojimies** (Ecuador) during his South American trip (See [OPDX.674](#)). Activity will take place during **September 17-21st**. His callsign will be **HC4CB** and **HC4/EA9CP**. QSL boths callsigns via EA7FTR.

J42004/SV9, CRETE. Phil, G4OBK, will be active a few hours each day from **Akrotiri**, Western Crete, starting **September 8th**. He will have wire antennas for 30-10 meters. Phil will use the special Olympic callsign **J42004Q** until **September 15th** and then revert to **SV9/G4OBK**. He expects to be active on RTTY and CW and maybe a little PSK31 and SSB. QSL is via his home callsign, direct or by the bureau. His Web page is: <http://www.qrz.com/g4obk/>

JT100, MONGOLIA. Yuri, UA9OBA, has been active as **JT100M**. This is a special callsign being used **until September 13th** during the Mongolian leg of the Altay-Himalaya Transasian off-road expedition. Activity has been mainly on 20 meters SSB around 14180 kHz (at various times). There have been some QSNs reported on 80/40 meters. QSL via UA9OBA. Also, visit the Web page at: <http://off-road.ru>.

KH7K, KURE ATOLL. It has been announced that the DXpedition to Kure Atoll by the Pacific DX Group, which was planned for mid to late October, has been **postponed** due to "transportation problems." The PDXG feels that the next possible opportunity for an operation to Kure will be late winter or early **spring 2005**. The PDXG asks that all groups or individuals who have contributed towards this operation or are thinking of contributing, to please continue to support their effort as they work to raise the necessary funding. The regional fund raisers can be contacted at:

- funds-na-sa-kure@inix.com - North/South America
- funds-eu-kure@inix.com - Europe

- funds-ja-kure@inix.com - Japan
- funds-kure@inix.com - All other areas
- General inquiries should be sent to: pdxg-kure@inix.com

OH0, ALAND ISLANDS. Oleg/ES1RA and Jaak/ES1FB will be active as **OH0/ES1RA/P** and **OH0/ES1FB/P**, respectively, from **September 7-10th**. QSL via their home callsigns.

QSL INFO AND NEWS.....

- **QSL LA3SRK/P** via SM5SIC. Activity was from Hitra Island (EU-036) during this past weekend's Reg1 Field Day. Operators were from the Skandinavisk Radio Club. More info is available on QRZ.com under LA3SRK.
- **NOT THE MANAGER.** Graham, M5AAV, reports that he is NOT the QSL Manager for **5W0SB**. He does not have the logs or any cards, so consequently, confirmations for this activation are only available DIRECT from I2YSB.
- **T33C BUREAU QSLs.** Rob/PA2R and Flo/F5CWU have announced that this week the first batch of OQRS QSLs will be sent via the bureau. So far around 2000 labels of max. 3 QSOs per label have been processed via OQRS, which is a great number. Remember, registering QSOs will save the QSL Manager, F5CWU, a lot of time to manually register all bureau cards and your spending money on printing QSL cards. You also save time because the time it takes to get your card to the QSL Manager is "0" days instead of a year or more. QSOs made with T33C can be registered via OQRS at: <http://www.dx-pedition.de/banaba2004/> (Choose the Online Logs menu). The latest logs have been uploaded to the log search.

R1MV, MALYJ VYSOTSKIJ. "The Daily DX" reports that the **R1MVI** operation has been rescheduled to take place **September 10-12th**. QSL via RA3AMG: Denis Skobelkin, A.k. 698, LV-1010 Riga, Latvia. It is recommended to use Denis's Latvian address instead of his Russian address.

S9, SAO TOME. Jorge, CT1EFV, will be a part of "Latitude Zero Equatorial Challenge 2004". This challenge is humanitarian (they will be carrying medicines to deliver to the mission of the AMI), cultural (they will recoup a Portuguese school, deliver 6000 Portuguese books to the library of Sao Tome) and also open new roads to impassable parts of the Island. Half of the team will make use of local communications (VHF, telephones and satellite) while Jorge will be operating the HF bands as **S92LZ** from the Island of **Sao Tome** (IOTA **AF-023**) between **September 19-26th**, providing conditions and logistics allow. He will use a Kenwood TS50S mounted onboard a Land Rover and will make use of a G5RV antennas. QSL via CT1EFV (QRZ.com).

SPECIAL EVENT. Alek, VK6APK, member of the Northern Corridor Radio Group, states: "The state of Western Australia is celebrating its **175th anniversary** of existence this year. As part of the celebrations, the Northern Corridor Radio Group Inc (VK6ANC) is activating the special callsign **VI6175WA**. The callsign will be aired for the month of **October**. Its first operation will be in the Oceania DX SSB Contest on the first weekend in October. After that it will be used on the HF bands by individual members of the club. We hope to have activity on all the hf bands and all modes during the course of the month. More information will be posted shortly on <http://www.ncrg.org.au> and also on QRZ.com. QSL cards have already been printed by UX5UO Print <http://www.ux5uoqsl.com> and will be available for all contacts via the

manager, VK6NE, direct with return postage or via the bureau is fine."

SPECIAL EVENT. The Orkney Wireless Museum will be on the air as GB2OWM during the **Orkney Science Festival** now **through September 11th**. Probable operating times will be weekdays and Sundays between 2:30 and 4:30pm and on Saturdays from 10:00am to 12:30pm. For more details, please visit the Scottish HAM Portal Web page at: <http://www.scotham.net>

SU8, EGYPT. Gab, HA3JB, informs OPDX that he will operate as SU8BHI from Cairo, **September 21st through December 20th**. His activity will include an entry in the **CQ WW RTTY DX** and **CQ WW DX CW** Contests. Activity outside of the contest will include CW, PSK, RTTY, SSTV and some SSB. QSL via HA3JB, only direct to: Gabor Kutasi, H-8601 Siofok, P.O.Box 243, HUNGARY - EUROPE. There will be an online log at: <http://www.qsl.net/ha3jb/>

TT8, CHAD. Francois, F6GYV, reports that he has received his new licence and the callsign issued to him by the Tchadian Authorities is **TT8FT**. His station in **Ndjamena** consists of a FT-847 Transceiver and dipole. Francois's job is with the mobile telephone service, and he states this leaves him with very little time to operate. Look for him to be on the air only during his evening hours (Ndjamena time) and on Sundays. He states, "Some of you have asked for 160 meters activity. I'll try to build an HM antenna with my few own parts (nothing to find or buy for amateur radio gear here). More information later." QSL via the French Bureau (via F6GYV) or direct to: Francois Theveneau, Celtel Tchad, BP 5665, Ndjamena, Chad. ADDED NOTE FROM FRANCOIS: "I apologize for my past stay in Mali but, because of my job, I couldn't make a lot of traffic with my TZ8FT callsign."

TZ6, MALI. QSL Manager Dennis, PA7FM, informs OPDX that after his stay in Niger, Michael, PA5M (5U7DX), is now in Mali **until September 16th** (or possibly the 22nd per Ghis/ON5NT). When this was written, OPDX was informed by ON5NT that Michael was in Bamako. He will be traveling around the country, and in his spare time he will be active as **TZ6M**. He was spotted this past week on/or around 14190 kHz after 1900z. As usual, he has a Web site with online logs at: <http://www.pa7fm.nl>. ADDED NOTE: Michael, PA5M, will be one of the operators going to Peter I Island in early 2005.

WFP NEWS. Ghis, ON5NT, in Dubai, UAE, provides the following updates of amateur radio operators that are with the "UN World Food Program" (WFP) in the following countries:

- **TT, CHAD.** Robert, S53R (ex-YI9R, A52KR), is heading for Chad for about a **10 day stay**. He was expected to arrive there around **September 2nd**. He has applied for a **TT8RK** or **TT8KR** callsign. It is expected to hear him on the bands as early as Monday, September 6th. Knowing Robert, this might be a "mostly CW" operation. As he is there for work, he will only operate during his spare time. QSL via K2PF.
- **ST, SUDAN.** Dane, ST2T (S57CQ, ex-YI9T, A52DX), is still in the Sudan, but not very active due to a heavy workload. However, he was heard during this past weekend's All Asian Contest. QSL via S57DX.
- **VARIOUS COUNTRIES.** Michael, PA5M (5U7DX just recently), continues his African trip. You might expect some activity between **now and the end of October** from **TZ, 9G** and **TY**. Again, his activity is work - dependent. QSL via PA7FM.

W9DXCC CONVENTION (Reminder/Update!). The Northern Illinois DX Association is

pleased to announce the 52nd annual W9DXCC Convention on **September 18th**. The convention will be at the Holiday Inn in Elk Grove Village, IL, about five miles west of Chicago O'Hare International Airport. Their banquet speaker is John Devoldere, ON4UN. John will also be appearing during the day along with John Battin/K9DX and Jerry Rosalius/WB9Z, in the Low Band Forum. Eric Scace/K3NA will be on hand with the story of the 3B9C Rodrigues Island 150,000+ QSO DXpedition. Jay Terleski/WX0B will tell us about his Fort Bragg NC military antenna farm featuring phased log periodics. Scott Robbins/W4PA will have the Ten-Tec Orion Story and Lee Finkel/KY7M has his 5U5Z African Adventure to relate. Propagation expert Carl Luetzelschwab/K9LA will be back for his fifth year as he updates our prospects in the declining years of Cycle 23. The ARRL Forum features Central Division Director Dick Isely/W9GIG, Vice Director Howie Huntington/K9KM, DX Advisory Committee Chairman Jim O'Connell/W9WU, Membership Service Chairman and Logbook of the World Guru Wayne Mills/N7NG, and BPL expert Greg Lapin/N9GL. Jim Cain/ K1TN, author of the YASME book, will present a program about Danny Weil/ VP2VB, arguably the first DXpeditioner and Lloyd and Iris Colvin, W6KG and W6QL. For the IOTA fans, Mike McGirr/K9AJ, Jim Model/K9PPY, and Gordon Bazsali/WB9EEE will have the latest Island News. Card checking will be available for DXCC, other ARRL awards, and the CQ DX awards program. Full details about the convention are available at the W9DXCC Web site: <http://www.w9dxcc.com>. On-line registration is available as well as a link to the hotel for on-line lodging reservations. Further information is available from the 2004 Chairman Bill Smith, W9VA, at: w9va@aol.com.

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